



Integrated System News Bulletin

NEW CLAIM STATUS – PENDING CPE LATE CODE (DELAY REASON CODE) 4

Attention: Local Plan SD/Medi-Cal Providers

STOP – Impact on You


Effective June 25, 2009, two modifications that affect Medi-Cal claims will be implemented in the Integrated System (IS) as follows:

1. The Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) functions to avoid expending over the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) will be added for the processing of Medi-Cal claims. As a result of this change, the IS will have a new claim status called '**Pending CPE**'. This new status will indicate when a claim is being 'held'. This will occur when a provider is at or near their MCA and a flag has been set in the IS to hold their claims.
2. Due to a DMH policy decision, **Late Code 4** (also known as Delay Reason Code 4), will no longer be accepted as a valid Late Code. Therefore, the IS will no longer accept Late Code 4 as an option for Medi-Cal claims that are more than six (6) months, but less than thirteen (13) months after the month of service.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Pending CPE:

If a CPE flag is set to 'Hold', Medi-Cal claims submitted after this setting will have an icon  displaying on the 'S' column of the Service tab in the Episode screen. If you click directly on the icon, you will find '**Pending CPE**' displaying on the Status field of the Claim Status screen.

Late Code 4:

For Direct Data Entry (DDE) providers, the Late Code drop down menu on the Claim screen in the IS will no longer have Late Code 4 as an option for selection, as of **Thursday, June 25, 2009**.

For Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) providers, claims submitted with Late Code 4 will be denied with the Rule 43 denial (Validate LP Delay Reason Code) and a negative 835 will be returned.

GO – What You Need to Do

It is recommended that providers submit claims based on their MCA and in a timely manner to avoid the use of late codes.

If you have any questions regarding the IS, please contact the Help Desk at (213) 351-1335. If you have Billing questions, please contact the Revenue Management Division via phone at (213) 480-3444 or via email at revenuemanagement@dmh.lacounty.gov.